

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES
SUPPORTING RESEARCH ON AQUIFER STORAGE AND RECOVERY**

WHEREAS, fresh water is a precious and critical part of the environment of South Florida and is essential to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it appears that multi-year storage capability may allow South Florida to improve or manage conditions during droughts such as those experienced by Florida during the last year; and

WHEREAS, it appears that Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Projects are the only storage technology available to provide multi-year storage and that ASR technology is not subject to evapotranspiration or seepage losses; and

WHEREAS, ASR projects require only an acre or two per ASR well system, and therefore may provide significant cost-effective benefits beyond those achievable by above-ground reservoirs already proposed in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) and

WHEREAS, the proposed CERP calls for 333 ASR wells, an unprecedented scale; and

WHEREAS, further research is warranted to ensure that injection of surface waters that may contain microorganisms into Florida's aquifers may not impact public health and water supplies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES THAT:

1. The Broward League of Cities supports ongoing efforts by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the South Florida Water Management District, to proceed in a cautious, methodical manner to answer the many questions about implementing ASR technology, including the concerns about the fate of microorganisms in aquifers.
2. The Broward League of Cities supports a combined strategy of (a) conducting three CERP ASR pilot projects at Lake Okeechobee, Caloosahatchee River, and Western Hillsboro Basin, as well as a City of West Palm Beach demonstration project; and (b) evaluating projected impacts of the proposed 333 ASR wells on the environment and existing water users through an ASR Regional Study, as an appropriate way to address technical issues.
3. The Broward League of Cities urges the parties to conduct the necessary data collection and scientific studies to truly evaluate the ASR technology for the benefit of Everglades Restoration and long-term regional water supplies as outlined in the CERP.

MADE AND ADOPTED this 13th day of December, 2001.

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